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The McKinley Herald.

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WORK ON THE MANIGUA ORANGE GROVES.

275 ACRES ARE NOW READY FOR PLOWING.

Planting Orange Trees to Begin in a Short Time.

During the month of October work has been going ahead nicely in the way of clearing acreage previously reported as partly cleared.

Under date of Nov. 3d Mr. Fernald, who has been responsible for the work in the absence of Mr. Hayes, writes as follows regarding the work done in October:

"Our surveyor reports the total acreage wholly cleared as 275 acres without the arroyos west of the Grove House, and he now *estimates* those at 15 acres. I estimate the partial work done as equal to the complete clearing of 60 acres.

"The surveyor reports 44.09 acres plowed in all but he did not include the piece where the orange trees stand. Mr. Hayes knows how much that is." (Note: Mr. Hayes reports that amount to be four acres).

On Nov. 10th Mr. Fernald cabled as follows:

"Forty-eight acres plowed; five deeds registered mail."

Supplementing this cablegram, Mr. Fernald writes that the demands of the settlers for hauling household goods, baggage, etc., as well as for plowing and the hauling of supplies for the store, kept the mule-teams so busy that the work of plowing the orange groves tract had not progressed quite as fast as he had hoped it would.

In order, therefore, to put at Mr. Fernald's command every possible facility for doing the plowing expeditiously, the company sent the following cablegrams to Havana:

Fred Wolfe, Mule Dealer, Havana, Cuba:

Ship another pair of good mules to us at once.

TROPICAL DEVELOPMENT CO.

Horter & Fair, Harness Dealers, Havana, Cuba:

Ship another heavy, double-harness at once.

TROPICAL DEVELOPMENT CO.

This team of mules is to be put at work at once at plowing the orange groves tract, together with the team purchased last month, so that the whole 250 acres will be thoroughly plowed before the end of the winter.

The first shipment of orange trees will probably be made from Florida this month if the season is cold enough there, which seems likely. When the weather is cold the sap is down in the young trees and they stand trimming back and replanting better than when the trees are full of sap and growing. Therefore, the late fall and winter is the best time for planting orange and grapefruit trees.

Deeds Received.

After considerable delay, caused by the slow and exacting, but very thorough methods of registering deeds under the Cuban laws, several deeds have been secured by Mr. Fernald. Among those who have received their deeds are:

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bostwick, McKinley, Isle of Pines.

George J. Wheeler, No. 110 Bird avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

A. T. Baxter, No. 1038 Bergen street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henry Hammermiller, 55 Fox street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Part of the cleared section of the 500 acre Manigua Orange Groves. Tract President Hayes in the foreground standing in front of a young orange tree.

J. W. McLane, Millgrove, N. Y.
L. P. Merritt, Mayville, N. Y.
J. W. Kennedy, Port Dover, Ont.
John N. Slocum, Beaver Falls, N. Y.
Prof. Jas. G. Riggs, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

Several other deeds have since been secured, and we believe are now on their way North.

The Pearcy Line wires from Mobile that the next schooner sailing for the Isle of Pines from Mobile will leave on Nov. 25th.

A LITTLE PROBLEM FOR YOU, MR. BOND-HOLDER

On page 56 of our Prospectus we estimate the average wholesale price of a box of oranges at $2.85.

On this price we can clear $1.00 per box net profit.

Now, read this market quotation:

"Oranges, choice, $5.00 to $6.00 per box."

(*Buffalo Express, November 10, 1905*)

Remember, in the Isle of Pines we can grow early oranges that begin to ripen in September.

Now, here is the problem:

If at $2.85 per box we can clear $1.00 profit, what can we clear at $5.00 per box?

$3.00 certainly, perhaps more.

Now, we are planting 90 trees to each acre and the average harvest is 3 boxes to the tree; that's 270 boxes per acre and WE ARE PLANTING 500 ACRES! Figure this out, and you will see what dividends our groves should pay on the $500,000 Bond Issue.

DEPARTURES FOR McKINLEY

MANY NEW SETTLERS JOIN THE COLONY.

New-comers Will at Once Develop Their Properties.

October departures for McKinley were numerous, among them being some large property holders and others who will undertake extensive and important improvements at once.

Mrs. Nellie E. Waters, accompanied by Miss Ruby Ruck de Schel, left for McKinley early in October. Mrs. Waters and Miss Ruck de Schel received a cordial welcome upon their arrival from their many friends, as they passed several weeks in the colony last winter, being among the first ladies to visit McKinley. Mrs. Waters, whose home is in Bridgeburg, Ont., shipped down a quantity of freight before her departure, including household goods and a couple of vehicles. She will purchase a team upon arriving at McKinley and expects to enjoy many pleasant drives about the island this winter. She and Miss Ruck de Schel will make their home with Mr. McGillis until Mrs. Waters can arrange for the building of her own house. Mr. McGillis has been busy getting part of Mrs. Waters' tract cleared during the summer. It is to be planted at once in citrus trees and pineapple plants.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Grove Parsons and their younger son left for McKinley on November 1st. Mr. Parsons is well known in Buffalo to a host of friends both social and political, as he has been secretary to the Board of Public Works, of which Col. Ward is Commissioner. Mr. Parsons will stop over in Havana long enough to purchase a team of mules and a complete equipment of agricultural implements, as well as a supply of groceries. He has shipped a quantity of household goods from Mobile via the Pearcy Line, so that he is going down well equipped. Mr. Parsons will clear and plant the following tracts for himself and friends, among whom are Messrs. R. H. Hopkins and Leo Hopkins: Nos. 151, 152, 165, 166, 169 and some twenty acres additional. Mr. Parsons will erect a comfortable residence this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons will be cordially welcomed at McKinley and will make many friends in the colony. Mr. Parsons visited the colony last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunning, formerly of 507 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, sailed for the Isle of Pines on November 2d. Mr. and Mrs. Dunning will build a comfortable home at McKinley where a limited number of guests can be accommodated. Over sixty cases of household goods were shipped to McKinley via the Mobile route by Mr. Dunning before he left, and he and Mrs. Dunning will make additional purchases in Havana. Mr. and Mrs. Dunning are people of culture and refinement and their home at McKinley will be marked by the comforts and conveniences, not to say luxuries, which, combined with the excellent taste of the hostess, made their residence in Buffalo so attractive to those fortunate enough to enjoy its hospitality. Buffalo people who contemplate visiting the Isle of Pines this winter will do well to communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Dunning regarding accommodations. It will be recalled by readers of the HERALD that Mr. Dunning visited McKinley last summer and looked it over carefully.

Mr. T. C. Saunders of Jamestown, N. Y., has purchased Tract No. 162, and leaves for McKinley this month.

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NOVEMBER, 1905.

BIG PRICES FOR ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT.

Recently we published in the HERALD two articles from the *New York Packer*, one regarding the twenty million dollar California orange crop and the other quoting the high prices Florida growers are getting for their fruit.

There is no reason why the Manigua orange groves which we are planting should not pay enormous profits, for if Florida growers can get $1 to $1.50 per box for their fruit *as it hangs on the tree*, there is every reason for us to look for as high or even higher profits in the Isle of Pines, where our fruit ripens earlier and is of finer flavor.

By the way, some people think that California oranges bring higher prices than Florida fruit. This is a mistake, as the Florida orange sells for more than its California competitor. Dealers get far less Florida fruit, however, and hence they try to sell the California orange, of which they receive larger supplies.

Money in Watermelons.

We are informed that a Cuban in the Isle of Pines by the name of Claudio Diaz, who has made a speciality of growing watermelons, shipped 700 on the steamer which left the Isle of Pines on August 29th, and 500 more on September 12th.

Diaz finds a ready market for all the watermelons he can raise in Havana, where he receives from $5.50 to $9 per dozen for them at this season of the year. On this basis of calculation the average price he gets is $7.25 per dozen. Now, as his first shipment amounted to say sixty dozen, his receipts from this one shipment were about $435. On his second shipment of say 42 dozen he received about $304.50.

There is no fruit much easier to raise than watermelons, and none to which the rich, sandy loam of the Isle of Pines is much better adapted. There is scarcely an acre of land on the McKinley tract that is not suited to the growth of the finest watermelons raised anywhere. It is known that an acre of land in the Isle of Pines will raise over 7,000 melons, or, say 600 dozen. At the prices received by Diaz on his shipment this would pay a return of about $4,350 per acre gross!

Mr. R. W. Dunning of 507 Potomac Avenue, who visited McKinley in July, says that when he was told in Buffalo that watermelons sold for $1 each in Havana in winter he hardly believed it, yet he was told by Mr. Thrower, proprietor of Thrower's Hotel, where he put up in Havana, that Mr. Thrower paid $1 apiece for watermelons last December.

The cost of raising watermelons is trifling, and, as they do not have to be crated or wrapped, the expense of shipping them is slight, so that the few cents freight which it costs to lay them down in Havana is practically the only expense the grower has to figure on, while the returns are large.

There is nothing to prevent the McKinley settlers from getting into the watermelon game and we hope to hear of the McKinley melons going out in quantities by Christmas.

Come, boys, get busy—let's see who will be first to ship his consignment!

Blacksmith Shop of Mr. W. J. Cleland, on Tract 78, McKinley Colony.

Teams Wanted for Plowing and Clearing Land.

There is an excellent opportunity for any of our bondholders to go into the business of clearing land for other non-resident investors at McKinley.

While work of this kind is being done by several of our settlers who have been mentioned from time to time in the HERALD, there is room for more—especially for those who have their own mule-teams.

Mr. Fernald writes that he has more work for the company's mules to do than he can attend to, for not only does he have to do the hauling from the store and the work on the Groves tract, but he is also called upon constantly by our colonists to haul lumber, household goods, baggage, etc., for them and do plowing as well.

Now, there is a fine opening in the colony for a competent man who has a wagon, plows, etc.—for several of them, in fact. They could get plenty of work to do for colonists and settlers, and as a team of mules and a driver are hired out for $5.00 for a nine-hour day, it is evident that there is a fair profit in the business.

A first-class team of mules cost $450 in Havana, and the necessary harness with a plow and wagon would probably cost $350 more, making a total of $800. Such an outfit would find plenty to do.

The Messrs. Young at McKinley.

Messrs. George F. Young and Charles F. Young, together with Mr. George Young's wife and one of his sons, reached McKinley early in October.

Upon their arrival they put up temporarily at the Grove House, but as soon as they could get their tents up they moved up to their tracts, Nos. 205, 206, 223, 224 and 241 where Mr. Emil Tolksdorff had started the work of clearing and fencing their land, and that of Mr. Albert B. Young.

The Messrs. Young are now comfortably settled in their new home, and from letters they write to their brother, Mr. Albert B. Young, they seem to be very much pleased with the McKinley tract in general, and with their land in particular.

They write that they are having a well dug which is costing them $2.00 for every 33 inches, and they say that this well digging has thoroughly satisfied them regarding the quality of their soil. They state that they first went through 24 inches of rich black loam, then they dug through eight feet of sand and finally struck a deposit of gravel at a depth of ten feet. They then arranged to get lumber to shore up the sides of the well, as the soil might otherwise have caved in.

The looseness of the soil showed them conclusively that there was no hard-pan to interfere with the growth of their tree-roots, which is always an important matter to the citrus-grower. The absence of hard-pan in the McKinley lands has been referred to before in the HERALD, and it is gratifying to have our statements confirmed again in this matter, as they have been previously.

Mr. George Young writes as follows:

"We are delighted with our place and can imagine how it will look when we get it cleared up, it means lots of hard work, but it will pay in the end. We have got some of the finest fruit trees I ever saw, and we will leave them standing. There are several mango trees beside other fruit trees, and you can count 18 royal palms in sight from our tent."

The Messrs. Young write that it is cool enough for a fire every night in front of their tent. They give the daily temperatures as follows for a few days:

Oct. 30th, 6 a. m., 72 degrees.; 6 p. m., 78 degrees; Oct. 31st, 6 a. m., 78 degrees; 12 m., 84 degrees; 6 p. m., 78 degrees.

The Messrs. Young have fourteen acres ploughed already through Mr. Tolksdorff's able assistance.

The New Blacksmith Shop.

As announced in the August *Herald*, Mr. W. J. Cleland, who removed to McKinley quite recently from Stratford, Ont., has opened a blacksmith shop, so it will now be possible to have horses and mules shod at McKinley without driving fourteen or fifteen miles to the only other blacksmith shop on the island.

Mr. Cleland is experienced in this line of work, having done the horse shoeing in the United States Cavalry, in which he served. He went to Havana the latter part of August and secured a blacksmith's outfit, returning with the same. He could not find a forge in stock in Havana, so, through Mr. Fernald's efforts, one was borrowed for a few days from a neighboring saw mill.

The shop opened for business August 30th and during the morning Mr. Cleland shod four mules, which, as Mr. Fernald writes, "had about five shoes on their sixteen feet." The next day he shod the third pair of mules.

Mr. Cleland will probably do considerable business at his trade, besides clearing his plantation acreage and getting his orange trees planted. The company is very glad to have him at McKinley, as it saves a great deal of time and travel in having the mules shod.

The Same Warm Sun.

Beneath the tropic's deep blue sky,
I gaze upon a perfect sea;
Its salty breath is on the air,
Its waves are rolling in to me.

They reach the white sands at my feet,
They break, low murmuring, so low;
The same warm sun benignly shines,
O'er North and South with kindly glow.

And looking backward from the shore,
Upon the palm, the tropic trees,
Upon the vines and native flowers,
I hear its voice, yet, on the breeze.

It is the same—the same warm sun
That melts the ice so far away,
That brings the seasons and the flowers,
The roses and the summer day.

It gives the jewels to the frost,
And when the blasts of winter blow
Its lingering smile yet over all,
Reflects from banks of drifted snow.

The same warm sun—the same warm sun,
Smiles through the years from pole to pole—
The secret of the glacier's power—
The tropic sea and waves—its soul.

MRS. CAROLYN B. LYMAN.
BATAVIA, N. Y.

The New Saw Mill.

Mr. Fernald writes under date of Oct. 11th that the new saw mill had arrived at McKinley, or a part of it, at least, at 9 p. m. on that date and, describing the details of hauling the outfit, Mr. Fernald says:

"As I was writing, our men drove up with the last two heavy parts of the saw-mill outfit—the molding machine, which weighs over two tons on one of our wagons drawn by the little black mules, and the big boiler weighing 4,800 pounds, on Mr. Pearcy's logging wagon, and drawn by our four big mules. The men started at 4 a. m.—George, the three drivers (Julius, Dave McLaughlin and Guiterez) Jacob Werner with his hoisting winch and Charley (one of the Jamaica darkeys). They got the molder hoisted on to the wagon at 11 o'clock, the boiler was loaded at 4 p. m., and then the start was made. There was no trouble on the road. They passed through the bad spots on the road and over the weak bridge near Nueva Gerona without miring or breaking through. Five loads of small parts were hauled out last week, and the engine and the planer Monday, making nine loads so far, with three or four small things to come.

"Mr. Baldwin may arrive tomorrow, if my letter to the health officer at Havana, via the Consul-General's office has any effect, but he is not due out of quarantine till a couple of days later."

Mr. Baldwin is one of the partners in the saw mill company. He and his wife sailed from Mobile with the sawmill on a steamer that landed first at Havana. They were not allowed to land without going into quarantine first, as Cuba had declared a quarantine against all Gulf Ports in the United States, owing to the yellow fever in New Orleans, Tampa, etc.

Mr. Fernald cables under date of Oct. 20th, that Mr. Baldwin arrived at McKinley on that date.

The latest news is that they are hard at work laying the brick foundations for the boiler and have sent to the States for some additional parts which were broken in transit. It is hoped the mill will soon be in operation.

Mr. Simpson is overseeing the clearing of Tract 313, and the building of a house thereon for Mr. W. N. Holland of Utah, who will arrive at McKinley shortly, accompanied by his wife and family, to make his home in the Isle of Pines.

Mr. J. H. Bostwick is buying 250 orange trees to set out on Tract 421.

Mr. George R. McMullen has planted 1,000 pineapple sprouts and expects to get in 500 orange trees this fall.

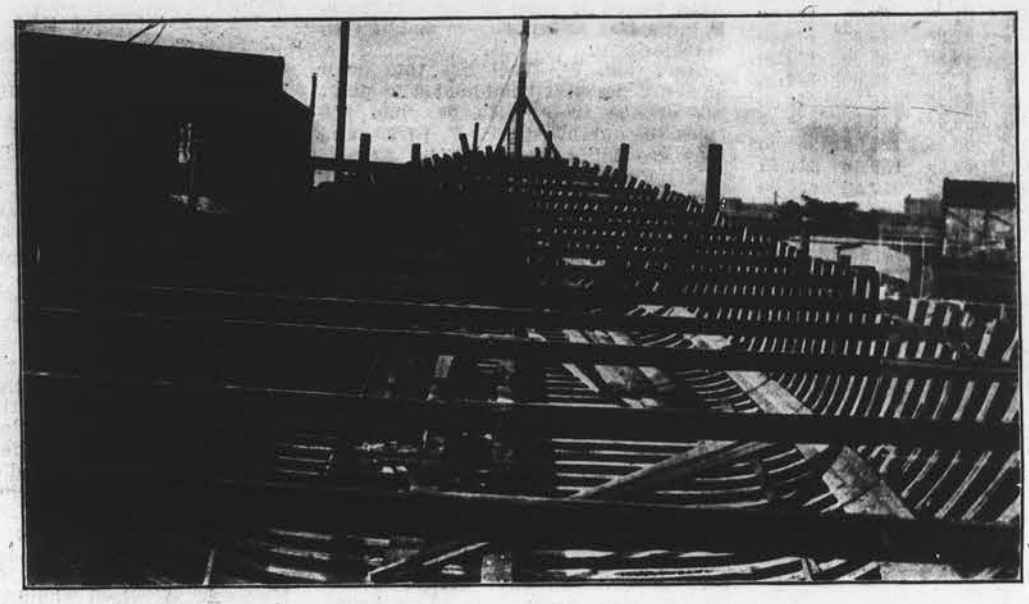
The New Steamer

Herewith the HERALD presents to its readers the first pictures ever taken of the new twin screw passenger and freight steamer "Isle of Pines" now building, and which will be put in service Feb. 1st, if all goes well, between the Isle of Pines and Batabano, Cuba, where direct rail connection is made for Havana, thirty miles distant.

The new steamer is being built at Baltimore, Md. As soon as her hull is finished, which will probably be this month, she will be towed up to Wilmington, Del., where the firm of Pusey & Jones will complete the building of her superstructure and interior fittings and will install her engines and boilers.

The new boat will be 130 feet long and first-class in every respect.

New $40,000 Steamer "Isle of Pines" now building to ply between Cuba and the Isle of Pines.—View looking aft.



Looking toward the bow of the new Steamer.—These pictures were taken Oct. 14, 1905.

General side view of the new $40,000 Steamer "Isle of Pines".—This fine craft will be 130 feet long.

Port McKinley

In response to requests from the home office for definite information regarding the nature of the bottom at the mouth of the Nuevas River, Treasurer Fernald had an examination made and reports as follows under date of Nov. 10:

"The bar at the mouth of the Nuevas River is something like this (here follows a diagram), and from a point on the in-shore side where the water is 6 feet deep to a point on the off-shore where it is the same, the distance is 724 feet. The least depth of water on the bar is 4 feet. A 12-foot rod was run down into the sand its full length in several places, which shows that there was no rock or coral beneath the bottom of the river. The 6-foot point in-shore is 318 feet north northwest from the east bank of the river at the mouth."

The fact that the bottom of the bar is composed entirely of sand instead of mud, rock or coral is very encouraging, as sand is much easier to remove than any of the other substances.

Jamaica Oranges in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Sept. 13.—The Cochrance Brokerage Co. brought in a car of Jamaica oranges of the new crop early in the week. The car came by the way of the Gulf. The oranges were most too green to sell well, but helped out considerably, as the supply of late Valencias, the only variety left of the Californias, is small.

The Jamaicas sold at $4 to $4.50 per box to the trade.

Some Mexican oranges were reported received at El Paso, Tex., early in the week, enroute for Kansas City. Local dealers say the oranges probably went to St. Louis, but shipments are expected here shortly. The Mexicans are expected to sell at $4 to $4.50 per box. Reports that the season in Mexico is 30 days earlier than usual, dealers here say is not correct as the earliest districts in that country should have oranges by this time.

Florida oranges are expected here by October 1st, or within a week of that date.

What's This?

California railroads haul the orange crop of that state 3,000 miles to market, charging 60 cents per box. Florida railroads haul our oranges 1,000 miles and charge 60 cents and up per box.—*Manatee, Fla., Journal.*

The above tells why the peninsula of Florida has not become the garden spot of the world. It applies not only to oranges, but to melons and vegetables and everything marketable in the North. Time and again have our growers and farmers made good crops, working early and late, protecting against frosts and drouths, only to have their dearest hopes crushed by expensive freight rates. That is why California outshines us in some respects. And Cuba and Porto Rico are also to be reckoned with, now very soon, after the same fashion. If 60 cents pays freight on a box of oranges 3,000 miles, then according to the laws of equalization the same box should be hauled 1,000 miles for one-third that amount.—*New York Packer.*

How to Select Town Lots.

As explained in our prospectus, our town lots are divided into business lots and residence lots. With a purchase of one bond either one business lot or two residence lots are given. The business lots are separated from the residence lots by a line indicated on all of our town-site maps and running along Second street, Everett avenue, Clay avenue, Eighth street, Ninth street, Irving avenue and King avenue.

Only one lot inside of this line is given with each bond. Outside of this line two lots are given with each bond.

New York Lemon Market.

NEW YORK, July 29.—The Cretic's cargo of 13,000 boxes was offered Wednesday, the first sale of the week and market opened lower and declined slightly at the end. The range was: Verdellis, 300 firsts, $5.37½@5.75; 300 seconds, $5.00@5.25; 360 firsts, $4.62½@5.00; 360 seconds, $4.12½@4.37½. Ripes, 300 firsts, $5@5.75; 300 seconds, $4.50@4.87½; 360 firsts, $4.50@5.00; 360 seconds, $3.75@4.25. 500s and 420s are now in larger supply and sold considerably lower than last week, running from $3.12½@5.00.—*New York Packer.*

An Illustration of our Easy Payment Plan.

In order to make it as convenient as possible for purchasers to buy and pay for our Profit-sharing Gold Bonds without making a heavy outlay of money at any one time, we have arranged an easy plan of installment payments covering four years.

We charge no interest on these installments, and we give you the right to settle on your land as soon as you have made your first payment. You can proceed to plant it and sell your crops without any charge from us except the regular installment payments. Thus you save your rent and you also save the expensive coal bills which you have to pay here.

The following table of payments explains our plan fully:

	Monthly	Every 3 months	Every 6 months	Yearly
1 bond..	$ 1.78	$ 5.32	$10.63	$21.25
2 bonds.	3.55	10.63	21.25	42.50
3 bonds.	5.32	15.95	31.90	63.80
4 bonds.	7.09	21.25	42.50	85.00
5 bonds.	8.86	26.58	53.16	106.25
6 bonds.	10.63	31.88	63.75	127.50
7 bonds.	12.40	37.20	74.40	148.80
8 bonds.	14.17	42.50	85.00	170.00
9 bonds.	15.94	47.82	95.63	191.25
10 bonds.	17.71	53.13	106.25	212.50
11 bonds.	19.48	58.44	116.88	233.75
12 bonds.	21.25	63.75	127.50	255.00
15 bonds.	26.57	79.69	159.38	318.75
20 bonds.	35.42	106.26	212.50	425.00
24 bonds.	42.50	127.50	255.00	510.00

At the request of numerous Bondholders, the Company has decided to allow a discount of Ten Per Cent. (10%) on annual payments, so that you *save money by paying annually at time of purchase.*

The net amount of money due the Company on any annual payment after the Ten Per Cent. discount is deducted may be seen at a glance by consulting the following table:

	Yearly Payment	Less Ten Per Cent	Net Amount Due Company
1 bond.....	$ 21.25	$ 2.12	$ 19.13
2 bonds....	42.50	4.25	38.25
3 bonds....	63.80	6.38	57.42
4 bonds....	85.00	8.50	76.50
5 bonds....	106.25	10.63	95.62
6 bonds....	127.50	12.75	114.75
7 bonds....	148.80	14.88	133.92
8 bonds....	170.00	17.00	153.00
9 bonds....	191.25	19.12	172.13
10 bonds....	212.52	21.25	191.25
11 bonds....	233.75	23.37	210.38
12 bonds....	255.00	25.50	229.50
15 bonds....	318.75	31.87	286.88
20 bonds....	425.00	42.25	382.75
24 bonds....	510.00	51.00	459.00

Now, you will see by reading over the above table, that you can buy, say, 12 bonds while they are selling at the present price of $85 each and pay only $21.25 down on them as your first payment, or if you pay a year's payment you get Ten Per Cent. discount. You can then move down to McKinley and settle on your tract. If you wish to change your location you can pick out any other tract on our property which is open for purchase. Our president, Mr. Horace P. Hayes, will cheerfully assist you in this or any other matter affecting your welfare or happiness, as far as possible.

Therefore, by paying only $21.25 down and $21.25 a month for four years, or an annual payment of $229.50, you can secure 12 of our Gold Bonds at $85 and get a free deed to 10 acres of the best fruit and vegetable land in the tropics, a couple of fine residence lots and a business lot in the new American town of McKinley.

Buy *now* before the price advances.

McKINLEY ITEMS.

In a letter dated Oct. 11th, Mr. Fernald says that "Jacob Werner brought a hand winch that he had used in his business and we have been pulling trees with it east of the Grove House. It can be used by four men, but should have five. Yesterday a gang pulled 32 trees in the afternoon. It pulls just as large trees as our own machines."

Rev. Geo. W. West has the honor of being the first bond-holder to plant his orange trees. He has had 200 trees set out by Mr. C. F. Birks, and they are doing nicely.

Mr. Fernald reports that he made complaint to a Cuban official, Judge Diago, regarding some stray cattle which were ranging over the McKinley colony lands, and that the Judge immediately requested the native owner of the cattle to have them rounded up. This was done and after the cattle had been collected by the *rancheros* they were driven across the ford and out of the colony, much to the relief of some of our lady settlers.

Messrs. Wm. R. Warner and Jacob Laubocker arrived at McKinley on Oct. 5th. They like their land and have begun work on it. They have also gone into partnership with Mr. Frank Sherwood to plant a crop this season, as he has five acres that have been plowed and have been sweetening for some weeks. He has a house on his tract.

Mr. John Keller of Buffalo visited the colony in October and was much pleased with conditions there.

Mr. Fernald has arranged with Mr. Tolksdorf, an experienced vegetable grower, to come to the Grove House one evening each week to answer questions as to the best way of preparing land and planting it. This will be of much benefit to our settlers, as it will enable them to secure free of cost to them the best advice and suggestions of a thoroughly practical man.

Mr. George Seymour West, son of Rev. George West, arrived at McKinley from Denver, Colo., early in October. Mr. West received a warm welcome from his father and sister, who are comfortably settled in the colony. Mr. West's health will, it is hoped, improve greatly at McKinley.

Mr. Arthur W. Chaddock of Batavia, N. Y., arrived at McKinley early in October with a view towards getting his property in shape this winter. Mr. Chaddock is energetic and businesslike and will no doubt make a great success.

Mr. Fernald writes under date of Oct. 24th, that he has nearly completed the new road one mile and a half long connecting the orange groves tract with the main high-road on the eastern boundary property. It has two culverts, a bridge across the brook and another bridge across the Del Medio River. The latter bridge was built the last week in October.

The additional pair of mules which the directors ordered at the meeting of Oct. 12th were purchased from the dealer in Havana and arrived at McKinley in a few days. Two teams of mules are to be kept at work constantly plowing the cleared portion of the orange groves tract in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors.

We are informed that Mr. Arthur L. Pierce, formerly of Eden Centre, arrived at McKinley on Oct. 12th and that he has been assisting in setting up the saw mill.

Mr. A. W. Miesse has sent down plans for a very attractive house to be built at once on tract No. 179. It will be nearly square in shape and will be surrounded by a veranda ten feet wide. The dining-room will be open on two sides, insuring a free circulation of air while the kitchen will be located in a separate building in the rear. Mr. Geo. R. McMullen will have charge of the construction of this residence for Mr. Miesse, to whom he is related.

Those intending to settle at McKinley would do well to take their bicycles with them, as it is possible to go from one end of the tract to the other on a wheel. No duty is charged on a bicycle brought into the Isle of Pines provided it has been in use, and no charge is made by the steamship companies provided it is taken by the passenger as part of his baggage from New York to Havana. A wheel should be crated, however, in order to prevent it from being damaged in transit.

The Lemon Situation Prices Going out of Sight.

Of course, the point is well established that the temperature is the life of the lemon market. With chilly weather, as was experienced several days ago in Chicago, the consumption will not call for 10 per cent. of the supply demanded when the mercury hovers around the 80 or 90 degree mark of the present week. Fearing the continuance of the cool spell dealers held out when they could have gotten lemons from $4.50 to $5.00. Those who did buy have a $6.50 to $7.00 market for their offerings now, with the prospect of the price going out of sight. —*New York Packer.*

DEPARTURES FOR McKINLEY

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Mr. Saunders is a practical farmer and is thoroughly familiar with pioneer life, having resided in Dakota for some time.

Mr. Harlow C. Palmer, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Bell Telephone Company of Buffalo, and recently associated with the Frontier Telephone Company, left for McKinley early in November for the purpose of developing his property, Tract No. 198. Mr. Palmer expects to have Mrs. Palmer join him later, and for the time being will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons. Mr. Palmer is widely known in Buffalo and is universally popular.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter accompanied Mr. Grove Parsons to McKinley, Mr. Carpenter having been engaged by Mr. Parsons to assist him in developing his tracts.

Mr. O. W. Grant, a first-class carpenter and a practical farmer, leaves for McKinley this month to develop his properties, the southern five acres of No. 96 and the southern 1¾ acres of No. 97. Mr. Grant has lived all over the West and his experience there will no doubt stand him in good stead at McKinley.

Mr. B. A. Butler left for his future home, McKinley, early this month. Mr. Butler is an A1 carpenter and took with him as handsome a tool-chest as evidence of his skill as ever left Buffalo. When not working at his trade Mr. Butler will put in his time developing his property, Tract No. 352, southern four acres.

Mr. E. L. Burch, formerly of Forestville, N. Y., leaves for McKinley this month to develop his tract, No. 354, southern seven acres. Mr. Burch is a barber by trade and a farmer by choice. He is taking down a barber chair and outfit to McKinley and will open a barber shop in the Company's headquarters for the accommodation of settlers and visitors. He will be at the shop certain hours each day or evening, putting in the rest of his time clearing his land.

Mrs. E. F. Cullen and her two young sons, together with Mrs. J. E. Hubbard and her son, who is of age, will make a party leaving for McKinley about Dec. 1st. Mrs. Cullen will have her husband's land cleared this winter (the southern five acres of tract No. 148), while Mrs. Hubbard will do the same for her husband, clearing tract No. 176. The ladies are to camp out on their tracts and expect to enjoy the winter amid the pines and palms of McKinley.

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